

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)	
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Serial No.:	10/810,040	)	Art Unit
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For:	METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING OPTICAL MODULES USING LEAD FRAME CONNECTORS	)	
Examiner:	Rachel E. Beveridge	)	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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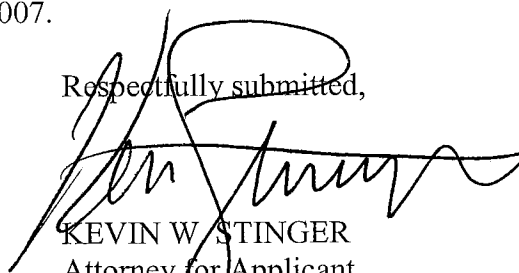
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